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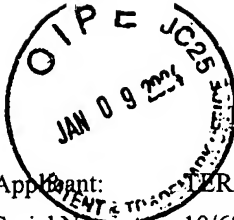
With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to co-pending case, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/384,018, filed March 6, 2003.

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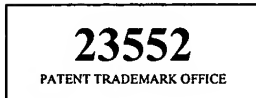
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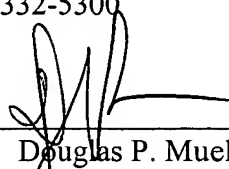
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